(c) and (d) The staff car is being used by the Secretary, DST for private journeys on payment of Rs. 150/- p.m. as permissible under the rules. The staff cars have also been used on some occasions under unavoidable circumstances for private purpose by the other officers in the Department. These journeys have been regularised and the bills amounting to Rs. 1410.25 have been preferred against the concerned officers as per rules.

Appointments by promotion

3057. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a conscious decision to take rigorous assessment in respect of all categories of officers for the purpose of appointment by promotion in all the services;

(b) whether the attributes required for holding the posts of Director were evaluated by the Central Establishment Board or the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet;

(c) if so, the dates on which these attributes were finalised and approved by the Central Establishment Board and the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet respectively;

(d) whether instructions have been issued to all the cadre authorities to implement the above decisions of the Government; if so, a copy of the communication addressed to various cadre authorities may be placed on the table of the House; and

(e) if no such instructions have been issued how has the Government ensured the implementation of Government decision by all cadre authorities uniformally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In case of CSS officers Government have laid down guidelines for assessing these officers for inclusion of their names in the Directors list. The CEB applied these guidelines to assess these officers, which was approved by the ACC.

(c) Assessment of the officers as per these guidelines was made by CEB on 24-1-87. ACC approved the assessment on 30-3-87.

(d) The General guidelines for DPCs are being revised and will be issued to all cadre controlling authorities after finalisation of the same.

(e) The Government decision to make rigorous assessment for appointment by promotion has presently been applied to CSS Directors. It has also been applied to such cases of promotion as are centrally processed by the Department of Personnel. After guidelines as in (d) above are issued the same will be applied in respect of all categories of promotions.

Gold and other items seized at airport

3058. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gold and other items seized by the Customs officials on four international airports in the country, during the period from January to July, 1987;

(b) what is the total value of the goods seized;

(c) corresponding figures of the value of goods seized by customs official during the same period in 1985 and 1986;

(d) what are the reasons for increase in the cases of smuggling of gold and other items;

(e) what effective measures have been taken by Government or are proposed to curb smuggling; and